CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	01887335f573def22d80663f4b33c98d.hidex
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Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	10 December 2020
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	09 December 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer generated image explicitly depicts children engaged in sexual activity with each other. That the image is computer-generated does not diminish its effect. It presents young people as sexually active and aware, and as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. Image such as this have a normalising effect that encourages and legitimises this interest. The only likely purpose of the image is the titillation of those with a prurient interest in young people. The image therefore promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes and is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 but is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable.